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Students, Cops Battle Along Lima Streets

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Peruvian students engaged police in hit-and-run battles along the capital's main thoroughfares this morning and got liberal doses of tear gas in return.

The violence primarily involved small groups of students and included numbers of girl students.

It broke out as the youths marched from their homes for the first scheduled day of classes since last week's military coup d'etat.

As they marched through the streets, in the uniforms which identify each different school, the youngsters began taunting police.

Good-natured banter turned to anger and soon the main streets were full of mobs overturning garbage cans, breaking windows and setting fires. The police replied with volleys of tear gas grenades, which soon had the downtown area heavy with clouds of the choking fumes. Foreigners fled into their hotels.

Although schools were supposed to open today, the University of San Marcos, the capital's largest, was still closed at latest report.